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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Department of Justice,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the proposed settlement with Microsoft. This agreement, specifically section III(D), will give Microsoft the right to hide operating system calls that are currently used by various open source software projects like Samba. Samba is critical to my business, as it allows me to mix and match the best products (Linux for my engineer's workstations, and Microsoft servers for my back-end data storage). If Microsoft is allowed to hide their operating system calls in such a way, it will mean that I may no longer be able to buy Linux workstations for use in my network. This would be a direct exercise of their monopoly power in the operating system market to stifle innovation in the engineering workstation market.

Please do not go forward with this fundamentally flawed settlement agreement.

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